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E.O. 11652:N/A

TAGS:CPRS, CASC, SP-SEARCH AND RESCUE

SUBJECT:SAR:MISSING AMERICAN YACHT "HUCK FINN" FOUR AMCITS

REF: A) BARCELONA 230 B) 242 C) 249

1. CONGRESSMAN DORNAN'S OFFICE (27TH DIST. CALIF)
INTEREST.

2. FOR BARCELONA AND MADRID. DEPARTMENT TALKED 3/30 TO
MR. D' ELIA AND ON 3/31 TO MRS. MCGIVERN AND MISS VICKIE
D'ELIA, MOTHER AND FIANCE OF JAMES MCGIVERN. CALLERS
SEEM SATISFIED IN GENERAL WITH U.S. EFFORTS TO LOCATE
"HUCK FINN", BUT IN VIEW SUSPENSION OF SAR ACTIVITY DUE
UNCONFIRMED REPORT OF YACHT SIGHTING, (SEE REF B) THEY
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UNDERSTAND FROM MR. D'ELIA THAT ROBERT STILES HAS
CONTACTED FAMILIES.DO YOU HAVE FAMILIES PHONE NOS. ETC.

3. BARCELONA, MADRID AND OTHER AUTHORITIES DIRECTLY

CONCERNED, REQUESTED REVIEW CIRCUMSTANCES THIS CASE TO
DETERMINE IF RENEWED SAR EFFORT WARRANTED. IF DECISION
MADE NOT TO RENEW SAR, PLEASE REPORT SUPPORTING
RATIONALE TO DEPARTMENT. CLARIFICATION RE FOLLOWING
WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL. WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN
ALERT STATUS AND SAR ACTIVITIES? WERE THERE ADVERSE
WEATHER CONDITIONS IN SAILING AREA THAT COULD HAVE BEEN
A HAZARD FOR YACHT?

4. FOR BARCELONA. WE INFORMED THAT YACHT MAY HAVE
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SOME HULL REPAIRS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE IBIZA 3/11. ALL
CREW MEMBERS WERE REPORTEDLY NOT RPT. NOT EXPERIENCED
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RONALD JONES, PATRICK STOUT, WILLIAM KEYES AND JAMES
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7. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES PROMPT COOPERATIVE ACTION
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